

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10333–S10383

Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1773–1777, and S. Res. 311–313. **Pages S10361–62**

Measures Reported:

S. 1692, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the authority to issue national security letters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10361**

Measures Passed:

United States Secret Service Uniformed Division Modernization Act: Senate passed S. 1510, to transfer statutory entitlements to pay and hours of work authorized by the District of Columbia Code for current members of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division from the District of Columbia Code to the United States Code. **Pages S10378–80**

Congressional Gold Medal: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 846, to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S10380–81**

National Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 295, designating October 13, 2009, as “National Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S10381–82**

Red Ribbon Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 313, supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week, 2009. **Page S10382**

Measures Considered:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal

year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Vitter/Bennett Amendment No. 2644, to provide that none of the funds made available in this Act may be used for collection of census data that does not include a question regarding status of United States citizenship. **Page S10339**

Johanns Amendment No. 2393, prohibiting the use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). **Page S10339**

Levin/Coburn Amendment No. 2627, to ensure adequate resources for resolving thousands of offshore tax cases involving hidden accounts at offshore financial institutions. **Page S10339**

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 2647, to require the Comptroller General to review and audit Federal funds received by ACORN. **Page S10339**

Begich/Murkowski Amendment No. 2646, to allow tribes located inside certain boroughs in Alaska to receive Federal funds for their activities. **Page S10339**

Ensign Modified Amendment No. 2648, to provide additional funds for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program by reducing corporate welfare programs. **Page S10339**

Shelby/Feinstein Amendment No. 2625, to provide danger pay to Federal agents stationed in dangerous foreign field offices. **Page S10339**

Leahy Amendment No. 2642, to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits. **Page S10339**

Graham Amendment No. 2669, to prohibit the use of funds for the prosecution in Article III courts of the United States of individuals involved in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. **Page S10339**

Coburn Amendment No. 2631, to redirect funding of the National Science Foundation toward practical scientific research. **Pages S10343, S10345**

Coburn Amendment No. 2632, to require public disclosure of certain reports. **Page S10343**

Coburn Amendment No. 2667, to reduce waste and abuse at the Department of Commerce.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 320), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10351**

A motion was entered to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute failed.

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House Messages:

Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1016, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, clearing the measure for the President.

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Energy and Water Appropriations Act Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, Senate resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Appropriations Act; that there then be 10 minutes for debate equally divided and controlled between Senators Dorgan and Bennett, or their designees; with Senator Dorgan controlling the final five minutes; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Daniel I. Werfel, of Virginia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

George Apostolakis, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2014.

William D. Magwood, IV, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2010.

William D. Magwood, IV, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2015.

Elizabeth M. Harman, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary.

Peter Alan Prahar, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Sharon Jeanette Lubinski, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Rosanna Malouf Peterson, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

Christina Reiss, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Lorelei Boylan, of New York, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, which was sent to the Senate on May 11, 2009.

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Measures Read the First Time:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—320)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10383.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009".